The 26th October 1893.

Chitaldroog District.

Subjects Nos. 128 to 141 were introduced by Mr. H. Nanjunda Rao (Land-holder, R. M. from Davangere Taluk).

Nos. 142 to 146 by Mr. Guttur Krishnappa (Shanbhog, R. M. from Harihar Sub-Taluk).

Nos. 147 and 148 by Mr. Fakir Saib (R. M. from Jagalur Municipality).

No. 149 by Mr. Gurusiddappa (Land-holder, R. M. from Jagalur Taluk).

Nos. 150 to 159 by Mr. Lakshminaranappa (R. M. from Chitaldroog Municipality).

Nos. 160 and 161 by Mr. Venkatramaiya (Pleader, R. M. from Chitaldroog Taluk).

Nos. 162 and 163 by Mr. Anantaiya Chetti (Advocate, R. M. from Chitaldroog Municipality).

Nos. 164 to 168 by Mr. Venkatramanaiya (Shanbhog R. M. from Holalkere Municipality).

Nos. 169 to 172 by Mr. Seshachar (R. M. from Hosdurga Municipality).

Nos. 173 and 174 by Mr. Virabhadrappa (Land-holder, R. M. from Molakalmuru Taluk.)

No. 175, Summary of various proposals brought forward by Mr. Nanjunda Rao (R. M. from Davangere Taluk).

Nos. 176 to 182, Public Works proposed by Members.

Subject No. 128.—Village cart-tracks.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats should be prevented from interfering with village cart-tracks in any way. They sometimes close such tracks altogether and often encroach upon them or divert them and even dig pits in them. Thereby people and cattle suffer much. Patels of villages should be made responsible to prevent this and to prosecute offenders.

Dewan's reply.—This is a subject for representation to local officers in the case of public paths which are defined and marked on village maps.

Subject No. 129. Tank bunds not to be used as roads.

Summary of discussion.—Tank bunds are used as high roads and cart-tracks. Cattle also graze on the slopes of such bunds. The bunds thus get cut up and worn out This practice should be stopped and village and Taluk officials held responsible that bunds are not thus damaged.

Dewan's reply.—We cannot prevent roads and pathways over tank bunds. Rules exist prohibiting cattle grazing.

Subject No. 130. Storing of grain in pits on the road.

Summary of discussion.—In some towns and villages, people keep their grain in pits on public thoroughfares. This should be stopped.

Dewan's reply.—This is a frivolous complaint. Where absolutely necessary, represent to local officers and the Municipality concerned will do what is required.

Subject No. 131.
Qualifying tests for Patels.

Summary of discussion.—Patels are sometimes wilfully negligent. In some cases they are incompetent or inefficient. A set of rules should therefore be framed for their guidance, and they should be required to pass an examination in those rules. Only passed men should be appointed as Patels.

Dewan's reply.—Yes, in good time.

Subject No. 132.
Village Sanitation.

Summary of discussion.—Village sanitation should be improved by requiring Shekdars to attend to this work or by appointing separate Sanitary Inspectors.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration in due course.

Subject No. 133.
Better system of village administration.

Summary of discussion.—A better system of village administration should be established by the payment of fixed salaries to village servants, Police and Revenue, so that work may be done more satisfactorily than at present.

Dewan's reply.—A vague proposal too comprehensive for a definite answer.

Subject No. 134.
Prohibition to cut Sandal trees from raiyats' holdings.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats are not allowed to cut and remove sandal trees which may spontaneously grow on their lands. This hinders cultivation. The prohibition should be removed.

Dewan's reply.—This has been decided many times. There is no hinderance to cultivation at all.

Subject No. 135.
Recovery of arrears of Revenue by sale of land.

Summary of discussion.—When a raiyat falls into arrear, all his patta lands are attached although the value of these lands may be considerably more than the arrear due. This is harsh. Only so much of the lands as may be necessary for the recovery of the arrear should be attached and sold, the rest being left untouched.

[*Note.*—The Deputy Commissioner observed that clause 2, Rule XXXVI of the Land Revenue Rules provided for this. There is no such thing as attachment under the present rules. The forfeiture of only a portion of the holding is ordered when the arrears could be realized by the sale of such portion.]

Dewan's reply.—Rules exist to the effect represented. Where the rule is broken in individual cases, representation should be made.

Subject No. 136.
Civil Courts not to award more than one per cent interest.

Summary of discussion.—Money-lenders now charge exorbitant rates of interest ranging from 2 to 5 per cent and the Civil Courts award them. The law should be changed so that interest of more than one per cent may not be awarded by the Civil Courts.